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The reason for the development of prefabricated housing in France, and now in various countries of Western Europe was the wish to economise in manpower. It is now accepted that construction by prefabrication cannot find its application in countries where manpower is of low cost.

2. In reality, prefabrication not only economises on manpower but requires a different training: it replaces the specialized workers in the traditional trades with builders of engines and motors.

3. In many countries where manpower is cheap, skilled labour is nevertheless in insufficient quantity to ensure the carrying out of a needed housing programme. Rather than train this skilled labour force, the use of prefabrication is preferred.

4. On the other hand, in many countries where manpower is cheap, there is a very rapid development of large centres of population, therefore of highly concentrated and important construction requirements.

5. Often, in such cases, only prefabrication can solve the problem.

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